

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 6th December 2015

Silent Key - Bernard EI6CF

The death has occurred of Bernard O'Connell, EI6CF at Cork University Hospital. Deeply regretted by his loving family, neighbours, relatives, former colleagues, friends and amateur radio colleagues.

The funeral took place last Thursday December 3rd to Castlemungret Cemetary, Mungret, County Limerick.

May he rest in peace

South Dublin Radio Club

This year's South Dublin Radio Club Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday 15th December.

The venue will be the same as last year, "The Morgue", Tempelogue Village from 8pm until late.

Members of other clubs and visitors are as usual very welcome to this social event. Limited free food will be available for paid-up members; visitors can choose from the bar menu until 9pm. The club will then break for Xmas and return on January 5th 2016

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group and the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group have joined forces this year for a Christmas night out. The venue is Lawlor's Hotel in Dungarvan Co Waterford on 12th December at 8pm approx. All amateurs and swl are more than welcome to join us for some off the air fun and banter. Anyone intending to have a meal pre booking is advised and requested to contact David EI6GVB at QTHR for more information.

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group's Theory Course will start in mid-January 2016. People who haven't already been in contact with us with a view to doing the

course are still very welcome to get in touch. For more info contact Sean EI2HZB on 083-1379764 or by email to [proffice /at/ searg.ie](mailto:proffice@searg.ie)

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's actives you can check our website www.searg.ie and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

SDR Net

This Sunday marks the third anniversary of the Net run by the South Dublin Radio Club, commonly known as the SDR Net. Over the last year there were 465 call-ins to the net involving 17 SDR members and 32 other EIs along with a small number from GI, GW, GM and G stations.

The wide ranging participation shows that there is a definite place for an EI lead Net on the 40 meter band and the Net organisers would like to thank all who called in during the year.

With the continuing support of EI & GI amateurs we look forward to another active year.

As the net is held for over an hour before the Sunday news it would help if amateurs in calling-in, aimed to do so before 10.30 - 10.40 as in that way we can involve you more in the Net. From around 10.45 onwards we start to wind down the net to make way for the IRTS News bulletin and it is not always possible to fully involve those that call-in just before the frequency is handed over.

IRTS 80m Counties Contest

The 80m Counties Contest takes place on January 1st 2016. The deadline for the submission of logs is January 15th. Full details of contest rules are available on www.irts.ie/contests

DX News

Joel N5JR is back in Haiti and signing HH2/N5JR. He will be there until 14th December. Emphasis will be on the WARC bands but he can be found on all HF bands 160m to 6m. QSL to his home address.

William K2HVN will be active from the Caribbean island of St Barthelemy from 12th

to 17th December. He will use the callsign FJ/K2HVN and will be on 40m to 10m CW and SSB. QSL to the home call.

A special event station in connection with the United Nations Climate Change Conference is on the air from France. The callsign is TM21COP and the operator is F8DVD. The station will be available until 13th December and contacts can be confirmed with a special QSL card.

There are still some stations active commemorating 90 years of the International Amateur Radio Union. Among the new ones which are on during the month of December are SX90IARU (Greece), YL90IARU (Latvia), HS90IARU (Thailand), TX90IARU (New Caledonia) and HB0IARU (Liechtenstein).

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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